

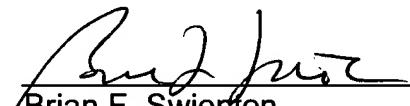
**REMARKS**

The Applicants have amended claims 18, 20, 22, and 24-27 of the present application. If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney will advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1329.

Respectfully submitted,

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